

## Iron County Register

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IRONTON, MISSOURI

It's the bill, not the bird on daughter's hat, that interests daddy.

A boy's idea of a negotiable asset is anything he can trade for a dog.

What do astronomers and calendar makers know about spring, anyway?

A pretzel is beautiful, not only in its shape but in its keeping qualities.

The bright colors of the bluebird seem more popular with this season's spring girl.

A member of the new French cabinet is named Louis Klotz—yes, the French cabinet.

Milwaukee now has a hatpin ordinance. Men are gradually coming into their rights.

Nothing so disgusting as an elderly woman as a younger woman's treatment of her baby.

An English servant remained with the family for 70 years, probably being too feeble to quit.

A hair fraud in New York involves a large sum, and there are others that don't involve so much.

The winter may have been unduly mild, but it is to be said for it that it was an easy one on the poor.

By the way, has your wife begun to offer those little suggestions about a vacation trip next summer?

A collie failed to choose between two putative owners in court, lamely ending a most promising dog story.

If a minister wishes to do particularly effective work he should be good-looking and remain unmarried.

Grand children of Napoleon are reported to be living in Los Angeles. Still, France isn't perturbed over the fact.

To be abreast of the times letter carriers should organize an artistic revolt against parcel post impressionism.

A magazine writer declares it is easier to live on \$15 a week than on \$15,000 a year, but we wonder how he knows.

Members of the militia can get high grade shoes for \$1.50 a pair. This is another argument for equal rights to women.

No nation addicted to baseball has a war on hand, and no such nation wants a war before the close of the season.

There is talk of wiping out New York's Chinatown. It took an earthquake to accomplish this result in San Francisco.

Tripping while trying to save his bicycle, a Gothamite burned to death. On account of pedal extremities, so to speak.

Talk is not cheap after all, when it is considered that it costs \$18 per minute to talk from New York to San Francisco.

Vincent Astor is giving an example to the rich young men who begin their careers by sowing wild oats, in raising tame ones.

In the competition among fashionable young men to see who can raise the smallest mustache there are a lot of prize winners.

Nevada allows her criminals to choose their own death means, but, as yet nobody has selected an overdose of cream puffs.

The Cornell student, who lived on \$5 cents a week and failed in mathematics, evidently had his own system of bookkeeping.

Some one of the office wits has said that love being the quest, marriage must be the conquest. Likewise, why not divorce the conquest?

A newspaper writer says it is easier to live on \$15 a week than \$15,000 a year. And it's our bet that he's never tried the latter.

Burglars got \$250,000 worth of jewelry from one New York Pawnshop. Perhaps New Yorkers use such places as storage vaults.

An eastern genius has invented a machine to count bank notes from a pile and register the total amount. It is improbable, however, that an attempt will be made to enter to family trade.

Boiled down, the average annual expenditure for stamps in the United States is \$2.50 per capita. We had no idea that our correspondence was so heavy.

A Chicago professor says that the human race will some day be toothless. Those will be great days for the canned soup industry.

Now it is reported that women are to adopt suspenders for their skirts. Can man retain possession of his badge of authority much longer?

King Menelik of Abyssinia again arises to remark that he is not dead but still able to sit up and eat buckwheat cakes and sausage for breakfast.

A Milwaukee policeman remarked the other morning that there are three ways to keep out of a scrape—push out, back out and keep out.

A divorce proctor, about to marry, gives out in advance eight principles upon which he will proceed. As years roll on these will be added to.

## ALFONSO ESCAPES ASSASSIN'S SHOTS

DIGS SPURS INTO HORSE AS ANARCHIST SEIZES BRIDLE AND SHOTS GO WIDE.

OWN COURAGE SAVED LIFE

First Bullet Strikes Equine's Neck, Powder Blackening King's Glove—Assailant Barely Escapes Lynching After Attack.

Madrid, Spain.—For the third time in his reign, King Alfonso narrowly escaped death, being the victim of an anarchist's attempt against his life. Three shots were fired at the king by a native of Barcelona, Rafael Sanchez Allegro, who was immediately overpowered.

King Alfonso owes his escape to his own courage, quickness and skilled horsemanship. Accompanied by his staff, he was riding along the Calle de Alcalá, returning from the ceremony of swearing in recruits, when a man sprang from the sidewalk and seized the bridle of the king's horse with one hand, drawing a revolver with the other.

The king with lightning rapidity dug his spurs into his horse, which reared violently. His quickness saved his life. The first bullet, instead of burying itself in the king's breast, struck the horse on the neck, but so close was it that the king's left hand glove was blackened by the powder discharge.

Two More Shots Go Wild.

Before the assailant was able to pull the trigger again a secret service man sprang upon him. The two men fell to the ground struggling. The assassin managed to free his revolver arm and fired two more shots, but the officer knocked his arm aside and the bullets flew harmlessly into the air.

At the sound of the first shot the king's staff forced their horses on the sidewalk and made a ring around the assassin, who fought fiercely in the grip of four policemen before he was handcuffed.

King Alfonso, as soon as he saw the man had been secured, raised himself in the stirrups, turned to the crowd, gave a military salute and shouted in a ringing voice, "Long live Spain."

He then dismounted and reassured his staff, saying:

"It is nothing, gentlemen."

Mighty Cheer for King.

Then arose a mighty roar from the wildly enthusiastic masses, which rolled along in great waves of sound, all the way, as the king rode to the palace, cool, collected and smiling.

A young Frenchman, standing beside Allegro, also was arrested, but it does not appear that he was connected with him.

The crowds attempted to lynch Allegro, who rushed into a house until the automobile ambulance escorted by mounted police transferred him to police headquarters.

Mrs. Pankhurst Out.

London, England.—Completely exhausted from starvation and unable to stand, Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, the militant suffrage leader, was released from Holloway jail after serving nine days of the three-year sentence imposed upon her at Old Bailey by Justice Charles Montague Lush for instigating the bomb attack on the country home of Chancellor of the Exchequer David Lloyd-George.

Wireless Saves Lightship.

Norfolk, Va.—After being snatched from almost certain death when their vessel became disabled in a severe southwest gale, the crew of Flying Pan lightship No. 94 were taken on board the revenue cutter Seminole. The latter vessel made a record run from Charleston in response to S. O. S. calls sent out by the lightship.

Will Start Trip April 20.

Paris.—Officials of the Aero Club of France have received word from Las Palmas, Canary Islands, that Joseph Brucker has arrived there safely with his dirigible balloon, Suchard II, and is scheduled to start April 20, 21 or 22 on his attempted flight across the Atlantic to America.

No Fund for Visitors.

Washington.—The 12 members of the house and the seven senators designated to be present at the dedication of the Jefferson memorial in St. Louis, April 30, may not attend. Lack of appropriations to defray the expenses of the trip is the reason.

Mrs. Pankhurst Free.

London.—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, the suffragette leader, was released from Holloway jail, after having been on a "hunger strike" since she was sentenced, only nine days ago.

John White Wanted.

St. Louis.—Albert B. Fuhr of Macomb, Ill., has written to Chief Young asking him to find John White. He is heir to property left by Belle Roberts. He was a cousin to the deceased woman.

Wilson Girls Set Fashion.

Washington.—Since the coming of the Misses Wilson, the clever daughters of the president, to Washington, a great many society girls have followed the example they set of going corsetless and wearing flat heels.

Dunne to Abolish Commission.

Springfield, Ill.—The present railroad and warehouse commission of Illinois will be abolished if Governor Dunne's public utilities bill passes the legislature in the form it has been drafted by the governor.

## BACK TO EARTH AGAIN



## WILSON AGAIN AT CAPITOL

"HAND-ME-DOWN" SUIT HIS GARB AT CONFERENCE.

Says He Does Not See Any Difficulty In Way of "Standing Together on Program."

Washington, D. C.—President Wilson emphasized again the fact that he considers he is the head of the Democratic party in the nation and responsible for its party pledges being carried out. He took charge in person of the situation growing out of the opposition to the Wilson-Underwood tariff bill in the senate.

At the end of the conference, which lasted considerably more than an hour, the president said: "The net result of it was that we don't see any difficulty at all in the way of standing together on the party program."

Leaving the White House shortly before 3 o'clock, accompanied only by Secretary Tamm, the president proceeded to the capitol and to his own room in that building. There was the same absence of pomp and display that was characteristic of his appearance when he read his tariff message to congress.

The president gave the distinguished senators a lesson in punctuality. He had sent word that he would be on hand at 3 o'clock. And he was. The clock in the corridor just was about to strike 3 when the form of the president was discerned at the end of the long corridor headed toward the "president's room."

MINER SHOT, WIFE IS HELD

Springfield, Ill., Woman, Held by the Police, Denies She Conspired With Boarders.

Springfield, Ill.—Gabriel Schwartz, a coal miner, living north of the city, was probably fatally injured when he was aroused by an unidentified man, who shot him when he opened the front door.

The police arrested Mrs. Mary Schwartz, his wife, who is alleged to have conspired with a boarder. Two men, believed to be the injured man's friends, are sought.

Mrs. Schwartz denies she knows who shot her husband.

COUNTY OPTION BILL BURIED

Clery's Measure Virtually Killed in Illinois Senate by Reference to Sub-Committee.

Springfield, Ill.—Friends of county-option legislation received a jolt when the senate committee on license and miscellany refused to vote out Clery's county-option measure and instead sent it to a sub-committee.

This is generally considered the last that will be heard of the bill on the senate side.

Seven senators voted to send the bill to a sub-committee and six voted against the motion.

Wakes Up Yelling in Coffin.

New Orleans.—L. C. Hull of Kansas City, plane expert of the Sara Lumber company, Bayou Sara, La., "killed" by a falling tree and brought here in a casket, came to life in local undertaking parlors and began yelling.

Two United States Sailors Killed.

Guaymas, Mexico.—Two sailors of the United States cruiser California were killed and three others wounded in a street fight at Mazatlan, a Pacific coast port. Admiral Cowles began an inquiry.

Brazil Recognizes China.

Peking.—The Brazilian government has cabled to the Chinese government its recognition of the new republic. The Brazilian and Chinese flags were displayed together over the government's offices.

Tariff Cuts Revenue \$37,179,000.

Washington.—According to estimates of the ways and means committee, the Underwood tariff bill will yield for the coming fiscal year \$267,412,000 in revenues, as against \$304,591,000 revenue from the Payne law.

Moose Presidency Bill In.

Washington, D. C.—The Progressive party's presidential preference primary measure was introduced by Representative Hinebaugh of Illinois. His bill is one of the first of a long series of platform pledge measures.

## NOBLEMAN GETS \$20,000

"SIR PERCY ST. CLAIR" LEAVES FOR PARTS UNKNOWN.

New Orleans Folk "Fall" When He Tells Them They Own Five States—Flees From Police.

New Orleans, La.—A man who called himself Sir Percy St. Clair of Devonshire, England, who came to New Orleans recently and stated he was prepared to furnish proof that five Southern families were heirs to most of Louisiana, Missouri, Arkansas, Mississippi and Alabama, has left for parts unknown after making numerous "touches" and an enraged group of "heirs" is seeking him.

St. Clair, who, it developed, had many aliases, exhibited telegrams purporting to be from President Wilson, in which the executive asked the "nobleman" to come to Washington, dine with him and talk over the claims with a view of Uncle Sam offering a compromise. Members of five families "fell" for the messages and furnished Sir Percy with various amounts of money.

The exposure of St. Clair came when he proposed to a pretty waitress here and gave her a worthless check for \$20,000 as a mark of good faith.

Numerous clients who sought him learned he had fled. He carried a trunk full of documents and maps. It is estimated he collected \$20,000 here.

OHIO WILL PENSION MOTHERS

Gov. Cox Favors Bill Passed to Aid Destitute Women With Children From State Funds.

Columbus, Ohio.—The Greenland bill, providing for pensions for indigent mothers, an administration measure, was passed in the house and now goes to Gov. Cox, where approval is assured. The vote was 92 to 4.

The bill makes provisions for an annual tax levy of one-tenth of a mill, which is expected to create a fund each year of not less than \$700,000 for the carrying out of the mothers' pension plan.

Destitute widows, women whose husbands are completely disabled, have deserted them or are serving prison sentences, are to be cared for under the provisions of the measure.

Juvenile courts are to be authorized to pay such women \$15 a month for a child under 14 years of age and \$7 a month for each additional child under that age.

ON HUNGER STRIKE; GIVES IN

Former School Teacher Eats Ravenously When Doctor Gets Ready With a Tube.

St. Joseph, Missouri.—Clyde Boser, formerly a school teacher of Des Moines, Ia., a prisoner in the city workhouse here, who had been on a hunger strike for four days, relieved the situation by devouring a half-dozen sandwiches.

She called for food after the prison doctor had begun to make preparations for forcibly feeding her. She had become weakened by the fast and the authorities were alarmed. Today she is partaking of the prison fare regularly and with relish.

WOMEN WRECK FIRE ALARMS

British Suffragettes Also Attempt to Destroy Cricket Stand and Army Balloons.

London, England.—The militant suffragettes started a fresh rail by attacking the fire alarms in the London streets. They destroyed three.

The suffragettes set fire to the grand stand of the Great Cricket ground at Tunbridge Wells. They left behind them a photograph of Mrs. Pankhurst.

An alleged suffragette attempt to destroy by fire the dirigible balloon sheds and aeroplane parks of the army flying corps was reported from Farnborough.

25 INJURED BY LIGHTNING

Three Missourians Among Those Seriously Hurt at Independence, La., Hotel Lobby.

Independence, La.—Twenty-five persons were injured, nine seriously, by a bolt of lightning which entered a hotel lobby. The injured were Richard Edwards, Pierce City, Mo., lower limbs paralyzed.

N. N. Hoover, Pierce City, burned about body; underclothing completely destroyed.

Noblewoman Found Dead.

San Francisco, Cal.—Miss Olga Tenobovich of St. Petersburg, a Russian noblewoman, was found dead in her room at a fashionable hotel with a bullet wound in her head. It is believed she committed suicide.

Gives Birth to Five Babies.

Ithaca, N. Y.—A quintet of infants was born recently to Mrs. Charles Smith of Danby, a few miles south of here. The five are well and healthy and the physician expects them to live.

High Water Donates Church.

Parkersburg, W. Va.—Historic Blennerhassett Island has fallen here to a frame church with an 800-pound bell which was deposited on the island by the Ohio river during the recent flood.

U. P. Plan Disapproved.

Washington.—Attorney General McReynolds disapproved the new plan for the dissolution of the Union Pacific-Southern Pacific merger recently submitted to him by the Union Pacific board.

Direct Election Effective.

Hartford, Conn.—The legislature passed an amendment to the federal constitution for the direct election of United States senators. Connecicut is the thirty-sixth state to ratify the amendment, which now becomes effective.

## NEWS of MISSOURI

Fruit Crop to Be Large.

Fulton.—The state department of agriculture announces that the favorable weather has been the means of saving the fruit crop from injury. Virtually no damage has been done to the fruit buds. No section of the state has reported any damage to the peach buds, and these are the best hardy of any fruit that grows in this section.—W. H. Chandler, assistant professor of horticulture at the University of Missouri, says 60 per cent of the buds ordinarily are killed by this time, but this year only 2 per cent have been destroyed. Even zero weather, following the present warm weather, would not kill enough of the buds to make a full crop impossible, he says.

Missouri Postmasters Indorsed.

Washington, D. C.—A list of indorsements decided on by him for postmasterships in his district was made public by Representative Hamlin of the Seventh Missouri district. The towns and indorsed candidates are: Marshall, C. B. Bacon, former sheriff, to succeed Leonard W. Vanduyke; Sedalia, E. E. Johnston, former state representative and a clothing merchant, to succeed Postmaster Codding; Cole Camp, William Fowler; Warsaw, Ben R. Lingle; Bolivar, F. L. Stufflebaum; Humansville, W. A. Crow; Republic, Hugh Ingler.

Engineer Killed in Wreck.

Eldon.—Frank Fitzsimmons of St. Louis, engineer, was killed and the passengers badly shaken up when a Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific passenger train crashed head-on into a switch engine backing into a switch here. Both engines practically were demolished. A steel mail coach on the train is believed to have prevented the death of many passengers.

Missouri Boy, 12, Kidnaped.

Rich Hill.—John, the 12-year-old son of Frank McFarland of this city, was kidnaped from his home. The police notified neighboring towns and he was located at Butler, in company with a man whom the boy claims threatened him if he did not go with him and become a tramp. The boy was returned to his home and the man was held for investigation.

Urges S. S. Teachers Be Paid.

Mexico.—Dean W. W. Charters of the School of Education of the State university, in an address here before the Mexico Sunday School institute, urged that all Sunday schools be graded and that the teachers receive a certain sum each week for their services.

Stokes to Quit Missouri.

Montgomery City.—Charles E. Stokes, chairman of the Missouri prohibition committee, and twice prohibition candidate for governor, announced that he will sever his connection with the party in Missouri. He will go to California.

House Job to Bennett Clark.

Washington, D. C.—Bennett Clark, son of Speaker Clark, has been appointed parliamentary clerk of the house to succeed Charles R. Crisp of Georgia, who now is a representative. Clark is a graduate of the University of Missouri.

Russian Studies U. S. Farms.

Columbia.—Coming from Koursk, Russia, to study farm management methods, Waldemar de Sagarof, a Russian landowner, was here for a week at the Agricultural college, and left for Texas to study methods of cotton growing.

Bill, Thought Passed, Fails.

Jefferson City.—Discovery was made that the senate bill creating a commission to assist the St. Louis court of appeals with its docket, which was thought to have passed, died in the closing hours of the session of the house.

Capital Waterworks Sold.

Jefferson City.—The holdings of the Jefferson City Waterworks company were taken over by a syndicate of St. Louisans and capitalists from Hillsburg. The name will be changed to the Capital City Waterworks company.

Towles May Get Court Place.

Jefferson City.—It is probable that Thomas O. Towles of Jefferson City, who for years was deputy superintendent of insurance of Missouri, will be named deputy marshal of the supreme court to assist Marshal Joseph H. Finks.

Bolt Wreck House, Family Unhurt.

Waynesville.—Lightning struck the home of A. G. Williams of this place. Two rooms were wrecked, two chimneys torn out, the shingles torn off, and floor torn up, but the family escaped uninjured.

Three Are Nearly Drowned.

Palmyra.—Thrown into a flooded creek, William Rothweiler and his two small brothers narrowly escaped death. While they were attempting to cross the swollen stream the wagon overturned.

Major Appoints J. H. Nolen.

Jefferson City.—Gov. Major has appointed John H. Nolen of La Grange to the office of land reclamation commissioner, which was created for Nolen by the legislature largely upon the recommendation of the governor.

Woman, 73, Dies of Burns.

Pilot Grove.—Mrs. Rosina Lamater, 73 years old, died here as the result of burns received while carrying a burning oil stove out doors. The high wind blew her clothing into the flames.

Bank of Asbury Robbed.

Joplin.—The Bank of Asbury, at Asbury, a small town 15 miles west of Joplin, was robbed. The robbers got only a few cents, being frightened off before the safe could be dynamited.

## LIKE U. S. CAPITAL

Australia's Seat of Government Planned in Fields and Woods.

Plans Drawn by American Architect Are Accepted and Site Chosen in Canberra, N. S. W.—Will Be City Beautiful.

Canberra, N. S. W.—Americans will take a keen interest in the construction of the federal capital city of the commonwealth of Australia, because, like the federal capital city of the United States, it was completely planned before the foundation stone of the first permanent building was laid, and also because the architect whose designs have been accepted, Walter Burley Griffin, is an American, says the Boston Transcript. The choice of the Canberra district of New South Wales, as the site of the city, was made by the commonwealth government in 1910, and the invitation to architects embodying the conditions of completion was issued April 30, 1911.

To give an idea of the magnitude of the task, it may be stated that the requirements for the consideration of the designers included the allocation of appropriate areas embracing sites not only for the house of parliament, residence of the governor general and the usual ministerial and administrative offices, but places of public worship, mint, national art gallery and library, state house, printing office, government factories, university, technical college, city hall, general post office, museum, central railway station, railway marshalling yards, military barracks, criminal and police courts, jail, hospital, national theater, central power station, gas works, markets, stadium, parks and gardens, etc. It was a great work to design this model city, and Mr. Griffin may well be congratulated on his success in winning the opportunity to give Washington, D. C., a worthy sister in Canberra, N. S. W.

Why the Australian government should have decided to build the capital of the country in the southeast corner is not quite clear, but the site is certainly one that seems to invite a "city beautiful." The lay of the land, combining easy gradients with prominent hills of moderate height, will lend itself easily to the production of fine architectural and landscape effects. Canberra is just east of the Waggga Waggga district, and about 40 miles from the town of Yass, on the main line of the railroad between Sydney and Melbourne, and it is about 150 miles from Jervis bay, with which it is to be connected by a new railroad. The temporary Australian military school is the only building yet on the site, excepting a few farmhouses, but now that the governor general has laid the foundation stone the architectural development of the commonwealth's permanent seat of government may be expected to progress rapidly. To a certain extent Australia imitates Canada in selecting a capital. Canada did not have to build Ottawa, from the ground up, but it converted the old "Bytown," a lumber station and shipping point into a seat of government. Queen Victoria made choice of Ottawa in the capacity of grand arbitrator after Montreal, Quebec, Toronto and Kingston had quarreled for the distinction of being the capital until only three of them were ready to unite against the fourth. Ottawa is now a beautiful city of 100,000 inhabitants, despite the fact that it remains simply the political capital. So does Washington, for that matter, a still more beautiful city, with a population approximately 350,000. It seems to be the rule for harmony in nations essentially federations that compromise between sections shall dictate the choice of a new site for their capitals.

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